

VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-256

ISSUED: February 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Rigging Equipment for Material Handling Construction Standard, §1926.251; Correction and Technical Amendment

Purpose. This directive transmits to field personnel federal OSHA's revisions to the Rigging Equipment for Material Handling Construction Standard, §1926.251.

This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

Scope. This Directive applies to all VOSH personnel, and specifically to Occupational Safety Compliance personnel.

Reference. 77 FR 23117 (April 18, 2012).

Cancellation. Not Applicable.

Effective Date. January 1, 2013.

Action. Directors, Managers and field personnel assure that employers comply with the requirements of this standard.

Courtney M. Malveaux
Commissioner

E-attachment: http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osha_pdf/FED20120418.pdf

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I. Background.

In the final rule for OSHA’s Standards Improvement Project—Phase III (June 8, 2011), OSHA stated that it was amending its standards regulating slings for general industry, shipyard employment, and construction by removing outdated tables that specify safe working loads, and revising other provisions that referenced the outdated tables. In replacing these tables, OSHA added requirements that prohibit employers from loading slings in excess of the recommended safe working load prescribed on identification markings located on, or attached to, each sling; these requirements also prohibit the use of slings that do not have such markings.

Although OSHA removed the load-capacity tables for slings from §1910.184 (General Industry; tables N-184-1, and N-184-3 through N-184-22) and §1915.118 (Shipyard Employment; tables G-1 through G-5 G-7 through G-8, and G-10), including references to these tables in §1915.112 and §1915.113, OSHA failed to include in the regulatory text provisions to remove the tables in §1926.251 (Construction; tables H-1, and H-3 through H-19), and redesignate Table H-2 to H-1 and Table H-20 to H-2. In this action, OSHA amends §1926.251 by removing most of the existing tables (H-1, and H-3 through H-19), redesignating Table H-2 as Table H-1 and Table H-20 as Table H-2, and revising paragraphs (b)(5) and (c)(5) to indicate the new table number.

On September 12, 2012, the Safety and Health Codes Board adopted federal OSHA’s Correction and Technical Amendment to the Rigging Equipment for Material Handling Construction Standard, with an effective date of January 1, 2013.

II. Summary.

Federal OSHA corrected its sling standard for construction entitled, “Rigging Equipment for Material Handling”, by removing the rated capacity tables and making minor, non-substantive revisions to the regulatory text.

**Rigging Equipment for Material Handling Construction Standard, §1926.251;
Correction and Technical Amendment**

As Adopted by the
Safety and Health Codes Board

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When the regulations, as set forth in the Correction and Technical Amendment to the Final Rule for Rigging Equipment for Material Handling Construction Standard, §1926.251, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms shall be considered to read as below:

Federal Terms

VOSH Equivalent

29 CFR

VOSH Standard

Assistant Secretary

Commissioner of Labor and
Industry

Agency

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January 1, 2013